Murder of a lawyer in Karnataka

2478. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI is conducting investigations into the case regarding the murder of a lawyer named Rashid in Karnataka;

(b) if so, under what provisions and circumstances the CBI has been entrusted with the case; and

(c) whether any request was made by the Karnataka Government to withdraw the case from the CBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case has been entrusted to the CBI with the consent of the Government of Karnataka.

(c) No, Sir.

Credit-Deposit ratio of Banks in West Bengal

2479. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit-deposit ratio of the nationalised commercial banks in West Bengal is only 9 per cent against the national average of 65 per cent and against the average of more than 80 per cent for comparable industrialised States; and

(b) if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The credit-deposit ratio of all scheduled commercial banks as on the last Friday of June, 1988 in West Bengal and at all-India level was 50.3 per cent and 60.4 per cent respectively. The inter-state disparities in credit/deposit ratio are on account of different level of economic development, supporting infrastructure for various activities, local entrepreneurship and the extent of incentive offered, which in trun, influence the credit absorbtion capacity of the area.

Issue of Bond by Public Sector Undertakings

2480. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to discontinue the policy to allow issue of concessional-tax high-interest bonds by public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir. It is not proposed to discontinue the present policy/scheme of 13 per cent partially tax-free/9 per cent tax-free bonds for public sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Blaring of Pop Music at Kisan Rally at Boat Club

2481. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of persons who were held responsible for blaring of Pop music at the Boat Club in Delhi where BKU Dharna was going on; and

(b) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) In the month of October, 1988, the Leaders of Bhartiya Kisan Union had organised a Dharna at the Boat Club, New Delhi. On 29th October, 1988, they made rovocative and inflamatory ulterances on loud speakers. They were warned by the police about the unauthorised use of loud-speakers but they did not pay any heed to it. It was felt by the officers on the spot that best method not involving use of force, was to drown the provocative an inflamatory utterances of the leaders by playing music through loud speakers. The choice of music was purely incidental. No action is contemplated against any one.

Special Assistance for West Bengal

2482. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested the Centre to allocate Rs. 40 crores as special assistance for the restoration works in Darjeeling; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Urban Noise Level

2483. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the level of urban noise acceptable under international standards and what are the levels observed in Indian towns and cities; and

(b) what steps have so far been taken to reduce noise pollution in the urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The urban noise level acceptable under international standards, as prescribed by the World Health Organisation (WHO), is as follows:—

Recommended Noise-exposure limits by W.H.O. 1980

Environment		Recommended Maximum Level
Industrial/Occupational		75 decibles
Community/Urban:	Day-time	55 "
	Night time	45 "
Indoor/domestic:	Day time	45 "
	Night time	35 "